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AMENDMENT

This amendment together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, having a reply due date of December 30, 2002. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 12 as follows:

1 (Thrice-Amended) A laminate suited for attachment to window glass to provide a glazing element which has reduced spall and lacerative consequences on impact fracture of the window glass; said laminate comprising:

(a) a first lamina comprised of optically clear flexible nonadhesive polymeric material having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface;

(b) a scratch-resistant hard coating over said first major surface to provide an exposed surface to the laminate;

(c) at least one additional lamina comprised of optically clear flexible nonadhesive polymeric material;